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SUBJECT: UNESCO COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN EDUCATION: CHILEAN ITEM

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1. APRIL 5 SESSION OF SUBJECT COMMITTEE SPENT LARGELY ON PROCEDURAL DETAILS AND ONLY BEGAN CONSIDERATION IN AFTER-NOON OF VARIOUS WRITTEN COMPLAINTS AGAINST CHILE LODGED WITH DG. HOWEVER, EXCEPT FOR SOVIET, MEMBERS INDICATED PERPLEXITY AS TO WHAT JUDGEMENT OR ACTION THEY COULD REASONABLY AGREE UPON UNDER CONFUSED "MANDATE" OF COMMITTEE.

2. FINN (HELMA) AND DUTCH (DEHOOG) MEMBERS GENERALLY TOOK LEAD IN ARGUING IMPLICITLY FOR CAUTIOUS ACTION. INDEED DEHOOG SUGGESTED THAT COMMITTEE SIMPLY MAKE FINAL REPORT THAT ALTHOUGH ACTIONS OF CHILEAN GOVERNMENT CAUSE FOR CONCERN, DOCUMENTS UNDER COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION SHOULD SIMPLY BE TAKEN NOTE OF. HOWEVER MEXICAN MEMBER (CUEVAS-CANCINO) MADE UNHELPFUL SUGGESTION THAT COMMITTEE OBLIGED TO EXAMINE EACH COMPLAINT AND REACH MORE DEFINITE CONCLUSIONS IN REPORT TO EXBD. COMMITTEE IS NOW PROCEEDING TO GO OVER EACH COMPLAINT AND THE WRITTEN RESPONSES OF THE

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CHILEAN GOVERNMENT.

3. COMMITTEE VOTED AGAINST, WITH ONLY SOVIET OPPOSED, THE INCLUSION OF EAST EUROPEAN PERMREPS LETTER OF PROTEST (REFTEL) IN COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN REPORT TO EXBD. PERMREP'S AND OTHER MEMBER'S INTERVENTIONS AGREED LETTER IRRELEVANT AND OUTSIDE MANDATE OF COMMITTEE.

4. SUMMING UP, MEETING SO FAR PROCEEDING AS FAVORABLY AS CAN BE HOPED FOR, ALTHOUGH TYPE AND CONTENT OF FINAL REPORT NOT YET DECIDED UPON.

COMMENT OF PERMREP:

THUS FAR MEETING HAS BEEN INCONCLUSIVE AND RESTRAINED. COMMITTEE HAS REFUSED TO HEAR ANY COMPLAINTS BEYOND THOSE RECEIVED IN WRITING AND THESE ARE GENERALLY VAGUE AND FULL OF PREDICTABLE RHETORIC. CHILEAN PERMREP (BERGUNO) HAS FILED A LENGTHY WRITTEN REBUTTAL TO ALLEGATIONS IN LETTERS.

AS COMMITTEE IS CONFINING DELIBERATIONS TO WRITTEN MATERIALS IT IS UNLIKELY IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR CHILEAN PERMREP TO MAKE ORAL PRESENTATION. IN FACT, BERGUNO HAS NOT BEEN SEEN IN CORRIDORS.

AGED CHAIRMAN (DELL'ORO MAINI) SEEMED TO RUN OUT OF GAS IN LATTER PART OF APRIL 4 SESSION, BUT OTHERWISE HAS BEEN MODERATE AND REASONABLY EFFECTIVE. MEXICAN (CUEVAS-CANCINO) HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY DISAPPOINTING AS MODERATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR HIM TO TAKE MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE.

SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE IN SUCCESSFUL EFFORT KEEPING MEETING COMPLETELY PRIVATE (IN REMOTE BASEMENT ROOM) AND LOW KEY.

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